

EXHIBIT C

<p>1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT</p> <p>2 FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS</p> <p>3 MDL Docket No. 1629</p> <p>4 Master File No. 04-10981</p> <p>5 *****</p> <p>6 IN RE: NEURONTIN MARKETING, SALES</p> <p>7 PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS</p> <p>8 LIABILITY LITIGATION</p> <p>9 *****</p> <p>10 THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:</p> <p>11 RONALD J. BULGER, SR., as Administrator</p> <p>12 of the Estate of Susan Bulger, Deceased</p> <p>13 *****</p> <p>14</p> <p>15 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF YOSHIHARU AKABANE,</p> <p>16</p> <p>17 Held At:</p> <p>18 Hare & Chaffin</p> <p>19 160 Federal Street</p> <p>20 Boston, Massachusetts 02110</p> <p>21</p> <p>22 June 26th, 2008</p> <p>23 11:03 AM</p> <p>24</p> <p>25 Reported By:</p> <p>26 Maureen O'Connor Pollard, CSR, RPR, CLR</p> <p>27</p> <p>28 Videographer: William Slater</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1 INDEX</p> <p>2 EXAMINATION PAGE</p> <p>3 YOSHIHARU AKABANE, MD</p> <p>4 BY MR. CHAFFIN 5</p> <p>5 BY MR. RICHER 59</p> <p>6</p> <p>7 EXHIBITS</p> <p>8 NO. DESCRIPTION PAGE</p> <p>9 Ex. 1 Office chart of Mrs. Bulger..... 4</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p>
<p>2</p> <p>1 APPEARANCES:</p> <p>2 FOR THE PLAINTIFF:</p> <p>3 BY: MARSHALL RICHER, ESQ. (via phone)</p> <p>4 FINKELSTEIN & PARTNERS</p> <p>5 436 Robinson Avenue</p> <p>6 Newburgh, New York 12550</p> <p>7 800-634-1212</p> <p>8 mricher@lawampm.com</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 FOR THE DEFENDANTS:</p> <p>11 BY: DAVID B. CHAFFIN, ESQ.</p> <p>12 HARE & CHAFFIN</p> <p>13 160 Federal Street</p> <p>14 Boston, Massachusetts 02110</p> <p>15 617-330-5000</p> <p>16 dchaffin@hare-chaffin.com</p> <p>17</p> <p>18 FOR THE DEPONENT:</p> <p>19 BY: JAMES A. BELLO, ESQ.</p> <p>20 MORRISON MAHONEY LLP</p> <p>21 250 Summer Street</p> <p>22 Boston, Massachusetts 02210</p> <p>23 617-737-8803</p> <p>24 jbello@morrisonmahoney.com</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1 PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 (Whereupon, Akabane Exhibit 1 was</p> <p>4 marked for identification.)</p> <p>5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the video</p> <p>6 operator, Tom Tracy of Veritext.</p> <p>7 Today's date is June 26th, 2008. The</p> <p>8 time is 11:03 a.m..</p> <p>9 We are here at the offices of Hare &</p> <p>10 Chaffin located at Boston, Mass to take the</p> <p>11 videotaped deposition of Yoshiharu Akabane, M.D.</p> <p>12 in the matter of Neurontin Marketing and Sales</p> <p>13 Practices versus Pfizer, Incorporated in the</p> <p>14 U.S. District Court of Massachusetts, District</p> <p>15 of Massachusetts, Docket Number 1629.</p> <p>16 Will counsel please voice identify</p> <p>17 yourselves and state whom you represent?</p> <p>18 MR. CHAFFIN: Thank you, Tom.</p> <p>19 David Chaffin for the Defendants.</p> <p>20 Good morning.</p> <p>21 MR. RICHER: Marshall Richer,</p> <p>22 Finkelstein & Partners, for Plaintiffs.</p> <p>23 MR. BELLO: And lastly, Jim Bello from</p> <p>24 Morrison Mahoney on behalf of the witness,</p> <p>UNCERTIFIED ROUGH - UNCERTIFIED ROUGH - UNCERTIFI</p>

<p>53</p> <p>1 Q. All right. And then that's your</p> <p>2 signature at the end?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. And then let's go back up to the</p> <p>5 medication box, please. If you could read that.</p> <p>6 A. "Neurontin, 100 milligrams, 1 TID."</p> <p>7 Q. What does that mean?</p> <p>8 A. One three times a day. So she is to</p> <p>9 take 100 milligrams of Neurontin three times a</p> <p>10 day for, I assume it's one week. And then</p> <p>11 second week two three times a day, and then</p> <p>12 three three times a day, third week only.</p> <p>13 Q. So you were titrating her up to</p> <p>14 900 milligrams per day?</p> <p>15 A. Mm-hmm.</p> <p>16 Q. And then below that?</p> <p>17 A. "Zoloft, 100 milligrams, one a day."</p> <p>18 Q. Why did you prescribe Neurontin for</p> <p>19 her?</p> <p>20 A. For bipolar disorder, and I assume</p> <p>21 angry, irritable individual with a history of</p> <p>22 substance abuse.</p> <p>23 Q. A history of?</p> <p>24 A. Substance abuse.</p>	<p>55</p> <p>1 Q. So you prescribed Neurontin and Zoloft</p> <p>2 for her?</p> <p>3 A. Mm-hmm.</p> <p>4 Q. And subsequently Dr. Reimherr</p> <p>5 prescribed Prozac?</p> <p>6 A. Mm-hmm. And Neurontin.</p> <p>7 Q. And Neurontin, same dosage as you?</p> <p>8 A. No. 400 milligrams.</p> <p>9 Q. Three times a day?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. So he titrated her up to</p> <p>12 1,200 milligrams?</p> <p>13 A. Right.</p> <p>14 Q. And then after that she was a no show?</p> <p>15 A. Correct.</p> <p>16 Q. Now, one of Dr. Reimherr's notes, and</p> <p>17 this is Page 8, "in the past the patient was</p> <p>18 treated with Xanax and she was wondering whether</p> <p>19 she can get Xanax PRN, which I declined."</p> <p>20 What's that all about, if you know?</p> <p>21 MR. RICHER: Objection.</p> <p>22 MR. BELLO: Objection.</p> <p>23 But you may answer if you can answer</p> <p>24 the question without guessing.</p>
<p>54</p> <p>1 Q. So you wanted to stay away from the</p> <p>2 benzos?</p> <p>3 A. Mm-hmm.</p> <p>4 Q. And anything else you wanted to stay</p> <p>5 away from?</p> <p>6 A. Well, medication which didn't work in</p> <p>7 the past, and medication which make it harder</p> <p>8 for her to take. In general the bipolar people</p> <p>9 are notoriously unreliable medication takers,</p> <p>10 they are not treatment compliant, and her</p> <p>11 history is a good example of that, she comes in,</p> <p>12 gone. And, you know, the treatment compliance</p> <p>13 is probably the biggest issue with the bipolar</p> <p>14 individual.</p> <p>15 Q. She actually did that twice with your</p> <p>16 office, right?</p> <p>17 A. Mm-hmm.</p> <p>18 Q. In and gone, right?</p> <p>19 A. Yep. You know, you can see she was</p> <p>20 seen only three times in my office. And the</p> <p>21 note with Dr. Reimherr, on the side it says</p> <p>22 February something, 7th, I prescribed Prozac,</p> <p>23 and then February 25th no show, and that's the</p> <p>24 last of our contact with Susan.</p>	<p>56</p> <p>1 A. Xanax is a benzodiazapine, and with a</p> <p>2 substance abuse history we tend to stay away</p> <p>3 from that if we can. And also people who is</p> <p>4 emotionally labile, they tend to be disinhibit,</p> <p>5 Xanax tend to disinhibit meaning she tend to get</p> <p>6 more labile.</p> <p>7 MR. CHAFFIN: Okay. Can we take about</p> <p>8 a two-minute break, please? Is that okay?</p> <p>9 We've been going about an hour.</p> <p>10 Okay, Marshall.</p> <p>11 MR. RICHER: Sure.</p> <p>12 MR. CHAFFIN: Just a couple minutes.</p> <p>13 I don't have too much more, I don't think.</p> <p>14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It is 12:03 p.m.,</p> <p>15 and we're going off the record on tape one.</p> <p>16 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)</p> <p>17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It is 12:07 p.m.,</p> <p>18 and we're back on the record on tape number one.</p> <p>19 MR. CHAFFIN: Thank you, Tom.</p> <p>20 BY MR. CHAFFIN:</p> <p>21 Q. Doctor, are you aware of the FDA alert</p> <p>22 on AEDs?</p> <p>23 A. Depend what you're talking about,</p> <p>24 referring to.</p>